



# EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ASIA PACIFIC EQUITY MY FUND

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023



### Dear Valued Investor,

Greetings from Eastspring Investments Berhad!

First and foremost, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing to invest with Eastspring Investments Berhad.

We are pleased to enclose a copy of the Annual/Semi-annual/Quarterly Fund Reports of Eastspring Investments Berhad's fund(s) for the reporting period ended 30 September 2023.

You may also download these reports from our website at www.eastspring.com/my

Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Client Services at 03-2778 1000.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Tang Chee Kin

Non-Independent, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

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# **FUND INFORMATION**

Name of Fund	Eastspring Investments Asia Pacific Equity MY Fund (the "Fund")
Fund Category/ Type	Equity/growth
Fund Objective	The Fund seeks to provide a medium to long-term capital growth.
	ANY MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE WOULD REQUIRE UNIT HOLDERS' APPROVAL.
Performance Benchmark	The performance benchmark of the Fund is Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country Asia Pacific ex Japan Index ("MSCI AC APxJ Index').
	Source: www.msci.com
	<b>Note:</b> The risk profile of the Fund is different from the risk profile of the performance benchmark.
Fund Income Distribution Policy	Incidental

# KEY PERFORMANCE DATA FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED

Category	2023	2022	2021
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Quoted securities			
Consumer Discretionary	9.50	20.26	16.43
Consumer Staple	5.60	3.11	0.97
Energy	1.83	3.86	1.96
Financial	13.24	12.77	13.34
Health Care	4.34	4.76	4.44
Industrial	14.45	10.03	6.17
Information Technology	22.61	27.43	34.00
Material	4.04	7.00	8.32
Real Estate	2.83	2.28	2.18
Technology	3.83	1.55	0.83
Telecommunication Services	4.38	3.25	2.79
Utilities	2.61	1.51	1.30
	89.26	97.81	92.73
Cash and other assets	10.74	2.19	7.27
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

# KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

Category	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value (NAV) (RM'000)	47,127	45,163	53,115
Units In Circulation (Units '000)	73,434	73,674	69,263
Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.6418	0.6130	0.7669
Highest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.7267	0.7267	0.8663
Lowest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.6130	0.6130	0.7658
Total Return (%)			
- Capital Growth	(4.02)	(13.00)	(6.35)
- Income Distribution	-	-	-
Total Return (%)	(4.02)	(13.00)	(6.35)
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%)*	0.89	0.83	0.87
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)^	0.37	0.09	0.53

<sup>\*</sup> There were no significant changes to the TER during the period under review.

<sup>^</sup> There were no significant changes to the PTR during the period under review.

# KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

			•	3 years 1.10.2020 to 30.9.2023	
			(%)	(%)	(%)
Average total return			8.10	(0.41)	(2.65)
	1.4.2022 to	1.4.2021 to	1.4.2020 to	1.4.2019 to	1.4.2018 to

Year ended	1.4.2022 to 31.3.2023	1.4.2021 to 31.3.2022	1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021	1.4.2019 to 31.3.2020	1.4.2018 to 31.3.2019
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Annual total return	(2.01)	(13.96)	38.16	(18.01)	(2.86)

**Source:** The above total return of the Fund was sourced from Lipper for Investment Management.

### Bases of calculation and assumptions made in calculating returns:

Percentage growth =  $\frac{NAV_t}{NAV_0}$ -1

NAVt = NAV at the end of the period

 $NAV_0$  = NAV at the beginning of the period

Performance annualised =  $(1 + Percentage Growth)^{1/n} - 1$ 

Adjusted for unit split and distribution paid out for the period

ior the period

n = Number of years

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance and unit prices and investment returns may go down, as well as up.

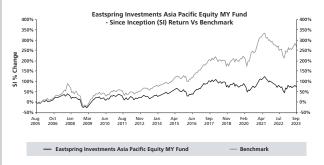
### MANAGER'S REPORT

### **Fund Performance**

Over the 5-year period, the Fund recorded a return of -12.58%, underperforming the benchmark return of 20.83% by 33.41%.

For the period under review, the Fund registered a return of -4.02%, underperforming the benchmark return of 1.76% by 5.78%.

The Fund's return was dragged by its exposure to the Hong Kong and China markets and the relatively lower exposure to the India market.



The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis with gross income or dividend reinvested.

**Benchmark:** Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country Asia Pacific ex Japan Index ("MSCI AC APxJ Index").

**Source:** Lipper for Investment Management and www.msci.com, as at 30 September 2023.

Past performance of the Fund is not necessarily indicative of its future performance.

## MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### Analysis of Fund Performance

For the financial period ended 30 September 2023:

Income Return	Capital Return*	Total Return	Total Return of Benchmark
(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
0.00	(4.02)	(4.02)	1.76

<sup>\*</sup> Capital return components (NAV per unit to NAV per unit).

### Distribution/ Unit Split

No distribution or unit split were declared for the financial period ended 30 September 2023.

### Investment Strategy During the Period Under Review

During the period under review, the Fund reduced its exposure to the Hong Kong and China markets following the weaker-thanexpected economic recovery post re-opening. The fund was also invested in the Al beneficiaries in Taiwan and the EV sector in Korea for the structural growth prospects.

The investment themes continue to focus on artificial intelligence, digitalization transformation, 5G upgrades, EV upcycle, trade diversion from China, healthcare, domestic consumption, e-commerce, and clean energy.

# MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation	30-Sep 2023 (%)	31-Mar 2023 (%)	Changes (%)
Quoted securities Cash and other assets	89.26	88.54	0.72
	10.74	11.46	(0.72)

### Asset Allocation as at 30 September 2023

Cash and other assets 10.74%



Quoted securities 89.26%

There were no significant changes in asset allocation of the Fund for the period under review.

### State of Affairs of the Fund

There have been neither significant change to the state of affairs of the Fund nor any circumstances that materially affect any interests of the unit holders during the period under review.

### MARKET REVIEW

For the period under review, Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets underperformed the developed market peers. Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets as represented by MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan index ("MXAPJ Index") declined by 5.5% (US\$ terms) vs MSCI World Index's +3.4%. Despite the Fed being aggressive with its rate hikes as inflation remained stickier than expected, the US economy continued its resilience. As a result, expectations of a recession in the US economy continued to be pushed back further from 2H23 to now potentially in early 2024. During the period, we also saw Al beneficiaries in Taiwan and Korea reacted positively following NVDA's above expectations guidance. However, China's economic activity data continued to disappoint as activities were stalling, and the recovery was not as strong as initially expected post its reopening. As a result, funds continued to flow out from Hong Kong and China markets with India benefitted from the re-allocation of these markets. India outperformed within the Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets given its relative favourable structural prospects and being a beneficiary of the ongoing tensions between US-China.

Within Asia, the best performing markets were India (+14.97%) and Taiwan (+3.7%) in local currency terms. Whilst the worst performing markets were Hong Kong (-12.31%) and Thailand (-8.35%). India saw net inflows over the period under review given the relatively strong macro dynamics. Thailand on the other hand continued to see foreign outflows which were initially due to political uncertainties but subsequently after the government was formed, there were concerns over its populist policies. Oil price during the period from April till September 2023 appreciated by ~20%, hitting a high of US\$96.55 due to the production cuts by Opec+ led by Saudi and Russia which have reduced the global supply of crude oil by more than 1m barrels a day since April 2023 as well as the steep decline in US crude inventories. Most emerging markets' currency depreciated against the US\$ with the Dollar Index Spot trended up from 102.14 levels to 106.17 levels

Going forward, markets are likely to remain volatile as elevated commodity prices and thus potentially stickier-than-expected US inflation and the Fed's higher-for-longer stance could dampen investors sentiment. While the US growth is expected to decelerate into 2024, Asian economic growth is expected to hold up relatively better. China's economy is showing early signs of stabilization which should support earnings growth next year and the recovery in chip/ semi stocks in Korea and Taiwan should also aid 2024's growth. India's long-term macro continues to be supportive but elevated commodity prices may see some near-term headwinds as the market tends to be impacted by externalities. The fund will continue to focus on the following themes which include artificial intelligence, digitalization transformation, 5G upgrades, EV upcycle, trade diversion from China, healthcare, domestic consumption, e-commerce, and clean energy.

### REBATES AND SOFT COMMISSIONS

During the period under review, the Manager and its delegates (if any) did not receive any soft commissions from stockbrokers.

### SECURITIES LENDING OR REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

No securities lending or repurchase transaction have been carried out during the financial period under review.

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# EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ASIA PACIFIC EQUITY MY FUND

### UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

### STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

We, Tang Chee Kin and John Campbell Tupling, being two of the Directors of Eastspring Investments Berhad, do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying unaudited financial statements set out on pages 14 to 72 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 September 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the six months financial period ended on that date in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager,

EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS BERHAD

### TANG CHEE KIN

Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

#### JOHN CAMPBELL TUPLING

Independent, Non-Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur

Date: 22 November 2023

# TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ASIA PACIFIC EQUITY MY FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 30 September 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Eastspring Investments Berhad has operated and managed the Fund during the period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:-

- Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the management company under the deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
- 2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the deed; and
- 3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the deed and any regulatory requirement.

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

Ng Hon Leong

Head, Fund Operations

**Sylvia Beh**Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur

Date: 22 November 2023

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Note	6-months financial period ended 30.9.2023	6-months financial period ended 30.9.2022
		RM	RM
INVESTMENT LOSS Gross dividend income Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions Net gain on foreign currency exchange Net loss on financial assets at fair value		766,873 32,665 193,044	871,580 2,681 60,971
through profit or loss	6	(2,241,951)	(7,192,481)
		(1,249,369)	(6,257,249)
EXPENSES  Management fee Trustee fee Custodian fee Audit fee Tax agent fee Transaction cost Other expenses	3 4	(355,156) (16,574) (5,689) (4,100) (14,858) (86,319) (98,899) (581,595)	(379,108) (17,692) (5,594) (4,112) (1,705) (20,977) (85,074) (514,262)
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		(1,830,964)	(6,771,511)
TAXATION	5	(196,824)	(8,321)
LOSS AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS  Loss after taxation is made up of the following:		(2,027,788)	(6,779,832)
Realised amount Unrealised amount		(3,660,352) 1,632,564	286,139 (7,065,971)
		(2,027,788)	(6,779,832)

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to the unaudited financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited financial statements.

### UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		RM	RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Financial assets at fair value through	7	5,106,845	1,199,529
profit or loss	6	42,064,744	44,171,593
Amount due from Manager		7,405	5,825
Dividends receivable		90,845	59,745
TOTAL ASSETS		47,269,839	45,436,692
LIABILITIES			
Accrued management fee		59,138	59,175
Amount due to Manager		21,181	21,540
Amount due to Trustee		2,760	2,762
Amount due to broker		-	141,905
Tax payable		32,804	8,321
Other payables and accruals  TOTAL LIABILITIES		26,495 142,378	40,331 274,034
TOTAL LIABILITIES		142,376	274,034
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		47,127,461	45,162,658
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Unit holders' capital		44,958,979	45,035,421
Retained earnings		2,168,482	127,237
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NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		47,127,461	45,162,658
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NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	8	73,434,297	73,673,995
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		0.6418	0.6130

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to the unaudited financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited financial statements.

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Unit holders' capital	Retained earnings	Total
	RM	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 April 2023	42,944,779	4,196,270	47,141,049
Movement in unit holders' contribution: Creation of units from			
applications	5,055,676	-	5,055,676
Cancellation of units	(3,041,476)	-	(3,041,476)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period		(2,027,788)	(2,027,788)
Balance as at 30 September 2023	44,958,979	2,168,482	47,127,461
Balance as at 1 April 2022	45,881,541	6,907,069	52,788,610
Movement in unit holders' contribution: Creation of units from			
applications	705,943	-	705,943
Cancellation of units	(1,552,063)	-	(1,552,063)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period		(6,779,832)	(6,779,832)
Balance as at 30 September 2022	45,035,421	127,237	45,162,658

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to the unaudited financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited financial statements.

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Note	6-months financial period ended 30.9.2023	6-months financial period ended 30.9.2022
		RM	RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Dividends received Interest received Management fee paid Trustee fee paid Custodian fee paid Payment for other fees and expenses Tax paid Net foreign currency exchange gain		16,140,609 (20,139,261) 669,346 32,664 (357,431) (16,680) (5,689) (46,182) (218,378) 195,745,501)	4,728,954 (5,244,351) 870,742 2,681 (384,573) (17,947) (5,594) (21,532)
Net cash used in operating activities		(3,745,591)	(10,017)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Cash proceeds from units created Payments for cancellation of units Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities		5,055,288 (3,092,840) 1,962,448	1,084,789 (1,769,419) (684,630)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(1,783,143)	(694,647)
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES		(2,367)	(632)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		6,892,355	1,894,808
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	7	5,106,845	1,199,529

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to the unaudited financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited financial statements.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The following accounting policies have been used in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

#### A. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the MFRS and IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported financial period. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the Manager's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note K

- a. Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 January 2023:
  - There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial year beginning on 1 April 2023 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.
- b. New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2023 and have not been early adopted:

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 April 2023 and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

### B. INCOME RECOGNITION

Interest income from short-term deposits placed with licensed financial institutions is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest rate method.

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date, when the right to receive the dividend has been established.

Realised gain or loss on disposal of quoted securities is accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

### C. TAXATION

Current tax expense is determined according to the Malaysian tax laws at the current rate based upon the taxable income during the financial period.

Tax on investment income from foreign quoted securities is based on the tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invested in.

Withholding taxes on investment income from foreign quoted securities are based on tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in. Such withholding taxes are not "income tax" in nature and are recognised, measured based on the requirements of MFRS 137. They are presented within other expenses line in the statement of comprehensive income.

### D. FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

Items included in the financial statements of the Fund are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the "functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"), which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

### E. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Foreign currency transactions in the Fund are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the transaction dates. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

#### F. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

#### i Classification

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss, and
- those to be measured at amortised cost

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager and dividends receivable as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies accrued management fee, amount due to Manager, amount due to Trustee, amount due to broker and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at mortised cost.

### ii. Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the quoted financial instrument.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liabilities are extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss including the effects of currency translation" category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within "net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss" in the financial period in which they arise.

Quoted securities in Malaysia are valued at the last done market price quoted on the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") at the date of the statement of financial position.

Quoted securities outside Malaysia are valued at the market last done prices quoted of the respective foreign stock exchanges as at the date of the statement of financial position.

If a valuation based on the market price does not represent the fair value of the securities, for example during abnormal market conditions or when no market price is available, including in the event of a suspension in the quotation of the quoted securities for a period exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, then the quoted securities are valued as determined in good faith by the Manager, based on the methods or bases approved by the Trustee after appropriate technical consultation.

Foreign exchange gains and losses on the financial instrument are recognised in statement of comprehensive income when settled or at date of the statement of financial position at which time they are included in the measurement of the financial instrument.

Financial assets and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

### iii. Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management considers the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12 months expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

### iv. Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

### v. Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

#### vi. Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount. The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial period.

### G. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and deposits with licensed financial institutions with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

### H. UNIT HOLDERS' CAPITAL

The unit holders' contributions to the Fund meet the criteria to be classified as equity instruments under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation". Those criteria include:

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value;
- the units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical:
- there are no contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the Fund to repurchase; and
- the total expected cash flows from the units over its life are based substantially
  on the profit or loss of the Fund.

The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at each financial period if unit holder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at prices based on the Fund's net asset value per unit at the time of creation or cancellation. The Fund's net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unit holders with the total number of outstanding units.

### I. AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) BROKERS

Amounts due from and to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively. The amount due from brokers balance is held for collection.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on amount due from broker at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12 months expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

### J. TRANSACTION COSTS

Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. They include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers. Transaction costs, when incurred, are immediately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as expenses.

# K. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, rarely equal the related actual results. To enhance the information contents on the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impacts to the Fund's results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated by the Manager and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

### 1. INFORMATION ON THE FUND

Eastspring Investments Asia Pacific Equity MY Fund (the "Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 15 July 2005 as modified by a Supplemental Deed dated 27 July 2007 and the Second Supplemental Deed dated 30 November 2009 entered into between Eastspring Investments Berhad (the "Manager") and Maybank Trustees Berhad ("Maybank Trustees"). The Fund replaced Maybank Trustees with Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee") effective 1 October 2010. A Supplemental Master Deed ("Deed") was entered into between the Manager and the Trustee on 30 July 2010 to effect the change of trustee from Maybank Trustees to the Trustee, followed by Second Supplemental Master Deed dated 28 January 2011, Third Supplemental Master Deed dated 9 March 2011, Fourth Supplemental Master Deed dated 20 January 2012, Fifth Supplemental Master Deed dated 26 March 2014, Sixth Supplemental Master Deed dated 2 January 2015, Seventh Supplemental Master Deed dated 11 July 2016, Eighth Supplemental Master Deed dated 25 January 2017, Ninth Supplemental Master Deed dated 11 December 2017, Tenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 4 June 2018, Eleventh supplemental Master Deed dated 30 September 2021, Twelfth Supplemental Master Deed dated 29 June 2022 and Thirteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 29 November 2022 (collectively referred to as the "Deeds").

The Fund was launched on 21 July 2005 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee or the Manager as provided under Part 12 of the Deed.

The Fund invests primarily in local and Asia Pacific ex-Japan equities, and equity-related securities with good capital growth potential.

The Fund is seeks to provide investors with medium to long term capital growth.

All investments will be subjected to the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, the Deeds and the Fund's objective.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia and is related to Prudential Plc., a public listed company in the United Kingdom. The principal activity of the Manager is the establishment and management of unit trust funds and asset management.

### 2. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks, which include market risk (inclusive of price risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange/currency risk), liquidity risk, credit/default risk, fund management risk, non-compliance risk and capital risk.

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated in the Deeds.

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows:

	Note	Financial assets at amortised cost	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Total
		RM	RM	RM
2023 Cash and cash equivalents Quoted securities Amount due from Manager Dividends receivable	7 6	5,106,845 - 7,405 90,845 5,205,095	42,064,744 - 42,064,744	5,106,845 42,064,744 7,405 90,845 47,269,839
2022 Cash and cash equivalents Quoted securities Amount due from Manager Dividends receivable	7 6	1,199,529 - 5,825 59,745 1,265,099	44,171,593 - - 44,171,593	1,199,529 44,171,593 5,825 59,745 45,436,692

All liabilities are financial liabilities which are carried at amortised cost.

### Market risk

#### i Price risk

Price risk arises mainly from the uncertainty about future prices of investments. It represents the potential loss the Fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Manager manages the risk of unfavourable changes in prices by continuous monitoring of the performance and risk profile of the investment portfolio.

The table below shows assets of the Fund as at 30 September which are exposed to price risk:

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: Quoted securities	42,064,744	44,171,593

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's loss after tax and net asset value to movements in prices of quoted securities at the end of each reporting financial period. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price of the quoted securities increased by 5% and decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the quoted securities, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in price	Market value	Impact on loss after tax and net asset value
	RM	RM
<u>2023</u> +5% -5%	44,167,981 39,961,507	2,103,237 (2,103,237)
<u>2022</u> +5% -5%	46,380,173 41,963,013	2,208,580 (2,208,580)

### ii. Interest rate risk

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The Fund's investments in deposits with licensed financial instruments are short term in nature. Therefore, exposure to interest rate fluctuations is minimal.

### iii. Foreign exchange/Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with investments denominated in foreign currencies. When the foreign currencies fluctuate in an unfavourable movement against Ringgit Malaysia, the investments will face currency losses in addition to the capital gain/(loss). The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of a foreign currency versus Ringgit Malaysia based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest rate differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels and technical chart considerations.

The following table sets out the foreign exchange/currency risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund.

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Cash and cash equivalents	Dividends receivable	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
2023				
AUD	3,448,756	75,869	9,168	3,533,793
CNY	1,494,700	-	-	1,494,700
HKD	9,271,481	4,259	-	9,275,740
IDR	1,808,470	-	-	1,808,470
INR	3,721,665	7,041	-	3,728,706
KRW	5,072,941	-	-	5,072,941
PHP	874,425	-	-	874,425
SGD	4,817,619	67	-	4,817,686
THB	2,779,107	7,892	-	2,786,999
TWD	5,612,127	-	22,351	5,634,478
USD		3,052,478	_	3,052,478
	38,901,291	3,147,606	31,519	42,080,416
<u>2022</u>	2 620 644	20.000	11 122	2 607 022
AUD	2,638,611	38,099	11,123	
CNY	2,493,726	-	14.562	2,493,726
HKD	21,175,716	-	14,562	
IDR INR	863,349	7 007	-	863,349
KRW	3,038,566	7,097	-	3,045,663
SGD	5,581,646 2,469,585	63	-	5,581,646 2,469,648
THB	1,655,474	03	12.010	
TWD	4,254,920	-	12,919 21,141	1,668,393 4,276,061
USD	4,254,920	910,506	۷۱,۱41	910,506
030	44,171,593	955,765	59,745	45,187,103
	44,171,333	333,703	33,743	45,107,105

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's loss after tax and net asset value to changes in foreign exchange movements at the end of each reporting financial period. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate changes by each currency's respective historical volatility, with all variables remain constants. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate.

Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative.

	Change in price	Impact on loss after tax	Impact on net asset value
	%	RM	RM
2023 AUD CNY HKD IDR INR KRW	5.57 3.13 3.80 3.64 3.48 5.63	196,832 46,784 352,478 65,828 129,759 285,607	196,832 46,784 352,478 65,828 129,759 285,607
PHP SGD THB TWD USD	4.09 2.52 5.14 3.15 3.77	35,764 121,406 143,252 177,486 115,078 1,670,274	35,764 121,406 143,252 177,486 115,078 1,670,274
2022 AUD CNY HKD IDR INR KRW SGD THB TWD USD	5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00	134,392 124,686 1,059,514 43,167 152,283 279,082 123,482 83,420 213,803 45,525 2,259,354	134,392 124,686 1,059,514 43,167 152,283 279,082 123,482 83,420 213,803 45,525 2,259,354

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations. Generally, all investments are subject to a certain degree of liquidity risk depending on the nature of the investment instruments, market, sector and other factors. For the purpose of the Fund, the Manager will attempt to balance the entire portfolio by investing in a mix of assets with satisfactory trading volume and those that occasionally could encounter poor liquidity. This is expected to reduce the risks for the entire portfolio without limiting the Fund's growth potentials.

The Fund maintains sufficient level of liquid assets, after consultation with the Trustee, to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of units by unit holders. Liquid assets comprise bank balances, deposits with licensed financial institutions and other instruments which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days.

The table below summarises the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period as at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 month	Between 1 month to 1 year	Total
	RM	RM	RM
2023			
Accrued management fee	59,138	_	59,138
Amount due to Manager	21,181	-	21,181
Amount due to Trustee	2,760	-	2,760
Other payables and accruals		26,495	26,495
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	83,079	26,495	109,574
<u>2022</u>			
Accrued management fee	59,175	-	59,175
Amount due to Manager	21,540	-	21,540
Amount due to Trustee	2,762	-	2,762
Amount due to broker	141,905	-	141,905
Other payables and accruals		40,331	40,331
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	225,382	40,331	265,713

### Credit/Default risk

Credit/default risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Fund.

Credit risk arising from cash and bank balances is managed by ensuring that they are held by parties with credit rating of AA1 or higher.

The credit risk arising from placements of deposits with licensed financial institutions is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions. For amount due from brokers, the settlement terms are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by respective stock exchange. The credit/default risk is minimal as all transactions in quoted securities are settled/paid upon delivery using approved brokers.

The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund.

	Cash and cash equivalents	Dividends receivable	Amount due from Manager	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
2023 Consumer Products & Services		12 200		12 200
- NR Financial Services	-	13,308	-	13,308
- AAA - AA1	1,910,324 3,196,521	-	-	1,910,324 3,196,521
- NR Health Care	-	28,738	-	28,738
- NR Industrial	-	9,168	-	9,168
- NR Information Technology	-	9,564	-	9,564
- NR Utilities	-	12,787	-	12,787
- NR Other	-	17,280	-	17,280
- NR			7,405	7,405
	5,106,845	90,845	7,405	5,205,095

	Cash and cash equivalents	Dividends receivable	Amount due from Manager	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
2022 Energy - NR Financial	-	19,387	-	19,387
Services - AAA - AA1	220,016 979,513	-	-	220,016 979,513
- NR Health Care	-	11,015	-	11,015
- NR Industrial	-	4,656	-	4,656
- NR Information Technology	-	10,057	-	10,057
- NR Material	-	11,084	-	11,084
- NR Other	-	3,546	-	3,546
- NR	1,199,529	59,745	5,825 5,825	5,825 1,265,099

None of these financial assets are past due or impaired.

#### Fund management risk

There is the risk that the management company may not adhere to the investment mandate of the respective Funds. With close monitoring by the investment committee, back office system being incorporated with limits and controls, and regular reporting to the senior management team, the management company is able to manage such risk. The Trustee has an oversight function over management of the Fund by the management company to safeguard the interests of unit holders.

#### Non-compliance risk

Non-compliance risk arises when the Manager and others associated with the Fund are not compliant to the rules set out in the Fund's constitution or the laws that govern the Fund or applicable internal control procedures, or acts of fraudulence or dishonesty.

Non-compliance may expose the Fund to higher risks which may result in a fall in the value of the Fund which in turn may affect its investment goals. However, the risk can be mitigated by the internal controls and compliance monitoring undertaken by the Manager.

#### Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unit holders' capital of RM44,958,979 (2022: RM45,035,421) and retained earnings of RM2,168,482 (2022: RM127,237). The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unit holders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unit holders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

#### Fair value estimation

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e. an exit price).

The fair value of financial assets traded in active market (such as trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial period end date. The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is representative of the fair value.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques.

#### i. Fair value hierarchy

The following table analyses financial instruments carried at fair value by valuation method.

The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are
  observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or
  indirectly (that is, derived from prices).
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement.

Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes "observable" requires significant judgement by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy of the Fund's financial assets (by class) measured at fair value:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
2023 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: Quoted securities	42,064,744	-	-	42,064,744
2022 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: Quoted securities	44,171,593		-	44,171,593

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include active quoted securities. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets are stated in Note F to the financial statements.

ii. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager, dividends receivable and all liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short term nature.

#### 3. MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate not exceeding 2.00% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund accrued on a daily basis

For the financial period ended 30 September 2023, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.50% (2022: 1.50%) per annum on the net asset value of the Fund, calculated on daily basis.

There will be no further liability to the Manager in respect of the management fee other than the amounts recognised above.

#### 4. TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to a fee at a rate not exceeding 0.20% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund, accrued on a daily basis subject to a minimum fee of RM18,000 per annum.

For the financial period ended 30 September 2023, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.07% (2022: 0.07%) subject to a minimum fee of RM18,000 per annum on the net asset value of the Fund, excluding of foreign custodian fees and charges, calculated on daily basis.

There will be no further liability to the Trustee in respect of the trustee fee other than the amounts recognised above.

#### 5. TAXATION

	6-months financial period ended 30.9.2023	6-months financial period ended 30.9.2022
	30.9.2023 RM	30.9.2022 RM
Tax charged for the financial period: Current taxation	196,824	8,321

The numerical reconciliation between loss before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

	6-months financial period ended 30.9.2023	6-months financial period ended 30.9.2022
	RM	RM
Loss before taxation	(1,830,964)	(6,771,511)
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%)  Tax effect of:	(439,431)	(1,625,163)
Investment loss not deductible for tax purpose Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Restriction on the tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	496,673 53,361 86,221	1,510,061 31,450 91,973
Taxation	196,824	8,321

#### 6. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:  Quoted securities	42,064,744	44,171,593
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: Realised loss on disposals	(3,876,882)	(127,142)
Change in unrealised fair value gain/(loss)	1,634,931 (2,241,951)	(7,065,339) (7,192,481)

#### **Quoted securities**

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Local</u>				
Malaysia Securities				
Consumer Discretionary Genting Malaysia Berhad	221,800	596,295	554,500	1.18
Consumer Staple IOI Corporation Berhad	14,100	54,990	56,118	0.12
<u>Financial</u> Allianz Malaysia Berhad CIMB Group Holdings Berhad Malayan Banking Berhad RHB Bank Berhad	10,400 128,500 30,000 86,000 254,900	168,419 702,519 252,600 490,131 1,613,669	165,360 697,755 263,700 466,980 1,593,795	0.35 1.48 0.56 0.99 3.38
<u>Utilities</u> Tenaga Nasional Berhad	96,000	941,579	959,040	2.03
Total Malaysia Securities	586,800	3,206,533	3,163,453	6.71

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Australia Securities				
<u>Energy</u> Woodside Energy Group Limited	1,406	108,918	155,362	0.33
<u>Financial</u> ANZ Group Holdings Limited	13,222	936,229	1,027,397	2.18
<u>Health Care</u> CSL Limited	1,500	1,332,087	1,139,209	2.42
Material BHP Group Limited	8,409	972,332	1,126,788	2.39
Total Australia Securities	24,537	3,349,566	3,448,756	7.32

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
China Securities (Listed in United States)				
Energy Shenzhen S.C New Energy Technology Corporation	1,000	61,418	48,818	0.10
Industrial Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited NARI Technology Co., Limited	3,960 65,140 69,100	452,977 1,026,267 1,479,244	516,786 929,096 1,445,882	1.10 1.97 3.07
Total China Securities (Listed in United States)	70,100	1,540,662	1,494,700	3.17

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities				
Consumer Discretionary BYD Company Limited Fuyao Glass Industry	6,500	913,407	943,441	2.00
Group Co., Limited	16,400	355,029	353,122	0.75
JD.com, Inc.	6,417	666,979	442,990	0.94
Sands China Limited Tongcheng Travel Holdings	61,800	882,713	889,582	1.89
Limited	78,000	663,506	804,654	1.71
	169,117	3,481,634	3,433,789	7.29
<u>Consumer Staple</u> China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	32,000	579,994	503,809	1.07
Energy China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation	50,000	90,997	128,351	0.27
Chemical Corporation	30,000	50,551	120,331	0.27
<u>Financial</u> AIA Group Limited China Merchants Bank	23,200	1,021,349	888,454	1.89
Co., Limited	8,219	125,037	161,196	0.34
	31,419	1,146,386	1,049,650	2.23

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities (continued)				
Industrial CIMC Enric Holdings Limited	124,000	575,597	507,959	1.08
Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric Co., Limited	23,800	480,741	386,841	0.82
Electric Co., Elimited	147,800	1,056,338	894,800	1.90
Information Technology Alibaba Group Holding				
Limited	18,504	1,569,276	950,004	2.02
Baidu, Inc.	6,000	505,941	480,058	1.02
Tencent Holdings Limited	6,300 30,804	1,265,008 3,340,225	1,156,996 2,587,058	2.46 5.50
Real Estate Longfor Group Holdings			, ,	
Limited	47,500	493,752	401,128	0.85
<u>Utilities</u> ENN Energy Holdings Limited	7,000	430,460	272,896	0.58
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Total Hong Kong Securities	515,640	10,619,786	9,271,481	19.69

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
India Securities				
<u>Consumer Staple</u> Godrej Consumer Products				
Limited	8,350	478,295	467,903	0.99
Energy Reliance Industries Limited	4,000	455,310	530,073	1.12
<u>Financial</u> Housing Development Finance Corporation				
Limited .	5,376	452,417	463,695	0.98
ICICI Bank Limited	16,966	637,937	912,649	1.94
_	22,342	1,090,354	1,376,344	2.92
<u>Industrial</u> Havells India Limited	3,000	217,492	235,473	0.50
Information Technology HCL Technologies Limited Tata Consultancy Services	4,000	227,227	279,119	0.59
Limited	1,500	244,134	299,107	0.63
-	5,500	471,361	578,226	1.22
<u>Technology</u> PVR Inox Limited	5,500	487,402	533,646	1.13
Total India Securities	48,692	3,200,214	3,721,665	7.88

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Indonesia Securities				
Consumer Discretionary PT Mitra Adiperkasa TBK	548,000	264,726	302,799	0.64
Consumer Staple PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur TBK	134,300	401,416	451,566	0.96
<u>Financial</u> PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia (Persero) TBK	241,256	301,173	382,707	0.81
<u>Health Care</u> PT Kalbe Farma TBK	441,500	237,236	235,239	0.50
Telecommunication Services PT Telkom Indonesia (Persero) TBK	383,100	436,107	436,159	0.93
Total Indonesia Securities	1,748,156	1,640,658	1,808,470	3.84

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Republic of Korea Securities				
Consumer Discretionary KIA Corporation	650	193,543	184,434	0.39
Consumer Staple LG H&H Co., Limited	160	512,260	249,026	0.53
Energy SK Innovation Co., Limited	12	9,413	6,224	0.01
Information Technology Naver Corporation Samsung Electronics Co.,	300	323,887	210,717	0.45
Limited Samsung SDI Co., Limited SK Hynix Inc.	7,859 200 3,534	1,456,270 456,519 1,305,703	1,873,811 356,946 1,412,968	3.98 0.76 3.00
SK HYHIX IIIC.	11,893	3,542,379	3,854,442	8.19
Material LG Chem Limited	450	1,033,062	778,815	1.65
Total Republic of Korea Securities	13,165	5,290,657	5,072,941	10.77

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Philippines Security				
Industrial SM Investments Corporation	12,500	957,212	874,425	1.86
Total Philippines Security	12,500	957,212	874,425	1.86

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Singapore Securities				
<u>Financial</u> DBS Group Holdings Limited	7,000	758,382	809,580	1.72
Industrial SATS Limited Singapore Technologies Engineering Limited	125,442 63,000 188,442	1,119,616 753,231 1,872,847	1,121,301 846,883 1,968,184	2.38 1.80 4.18
Real Estate Capitaland Integrated Commercial Trust	147,000	973,884	934,964	1.98
Telecommunication Services Singapore Telecommunications Limited	132,800	982,184	1,104,891	2.34
Total Singapore Securities	475,242	4,587,297	4,817,619	10.22

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Thailand Securities				
Consumer Staple CP All Public Company Limited	117,300	961,172	911,799	1.93
Health Care Bangkok Dusit Medical Services Public Company Limited	195,000	646,418	670,199	1.42
Industrial Airports of Thailand Public Company Limited	75,000	681,554	672,127	1.43
Telecommunication Services Advanced Info Service Public Company Limited	18,000	493,494	524,982	1.11
Total Thailand Securities	405,300	2,782,638	2,779,107	5.89

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Taiwan Securities				
Industrial Airtac International Group	5,000	768,059	713,764	1.51
Information Technology Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Limited Mediatek Inc. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Limited	32,000 3,000 37,000 72,000	459,224 358,504 1,889,412 2,707,140	485,272 321,522 2,821,666 3,628,460	1.03 0.68 5.99 7.70
Technology Delta Electronics, Inc. Unimicron Technology Corp. Wiwynn Corporation	8,000 18,000 2,000 28,000	444,709 478,724 313,925 1,237,358	378,536 455,380 435,987 1,269,903	0.80 0.97 0.93 2.70
Total Taiwan Securities	105,000	4,712,557	5,612,127	11.91

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost		Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
<b>Total Foreign Securities</b>	3,418,332	38,681,247	38,901,291	82.55
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	4,005,132	41,887,780	42,064,744	89.26
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		176,964		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		42,064,744		

#### **Quoted securities**

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Foreign</u>				
Australia Securities				
Energy Woodside Energy Group Limited	1,339	102,519	126,284	0.28
<u>Financial</u> Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited	13,222	936,229	898,024	1.99
Health Care CSL Limited	900	791,616	764,141	1.69
Material BHP Billiton Limited	7,409	832,871	850,162	1.88
Total Australia Securities	22,870	2,663,235	2,638,611	5.84

		Aggregate	Fair value as at	Percentage of net asset value
Name of counter	Quantity	cost	30.9.2022	of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
China Securities (Listed in United States)				
Consumer Staple China Tourism Group Duty Free Corporation Limited	5,000	778,745	645,512	1.43
Energy Shenzhen S.C New Energy Technology Corporation	1,000	61,418	75,032	0.17
Industrial Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited NARI Technology Co., Limited	2,200 43,200 45,400	452,977 830,714 1,283,691	574,340 699,650 1,273,990	1.27 1.55 2.82
Information Technology Longi Green Energy Technology Co., Limited	16,000	585,002	499,192	1.11
Total China Securities (Listed in United States)	67,400	2,708,856	2,493,726	5.53

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities				
Consumer Discretionary Brilliance China Automotive				
Holdings Limited	150,000	578,577	-	-
BYD Company Limited	6,000	798,341	689,321	1.53
Fuyao Glass Industry				
Group Co., Limited	56,400	1,220,955	1,056,604	2.34
Geely Automobile				
Holdings Limited	132,000	1,134,744	844,064	1.87
JD.com, Inc.	7,367	1,020,049	864,657	1.91
Li Ning Company Limited	22,500	944,658	799,155	1.77
Meituan	14,400	1,724,138	1,409,278	3.12
Sands China Limited	70,000	813,271	814,964	1.80
Shenzhou International				
Group Holdings Limited	17,000	1,330,499	616,364	1.36
Tongcheng Travel Holdings		0.57.550		
Limited	102,000	867,662	928,314	2.06
Trip.Com Group Limited	6,000	606,311	747,474	1.66
	583,667	11,039,205	8,770,195	19.42

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities (continued)				
<u>Consumer Staple</u> China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	12,000	282,522	220,909	0.49
Energy China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation	100,000	181,994	199,161	0.44
Financial AIA Group Limited China Merchants Bank Co., Limited China Pacific Insurance (Group) Co., Limited Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited	20,000 8,219 39,600 140,000	915,628 125,037 584,755 357,400	773,595 177,291 338,406 304,474	1.71 0.39 0.75 0.67
Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Limited	19,500 227,319	705,427 2,688,247	451,746 2,045,512	1.00 4.52

Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
Units	RM	RM	%
6,800	347,191	254,985	0.56
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26,800	1,051,642	815,236	1.80
124 000	575 597	613 368	1.36
124,000	373,337	015,500	1.50
51,800	1,046,319	1,010,224	2.24
175,800	1,621,916	1,623,592	3.60
27,104	2,613,111	1,248,600	2.76
13,000	1,096,205	876,603	1.94
20.000	600 774	210 424	0.74
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			3.80 9.21
	6,800 20,000 26,800 124,000 51,800 175,800	Quantity         cost           Units         RM           6,800         347,191           20,000         704,451           26,800         1,051,642           124,000         575,597           51,800         1,046,319           175,800         1,621,916           27,104         2,613,111           13,000         1,096,205           30,000         608,774           10,900         2,313,571	Quantity         Aggregate cost         as at 30.9.2022           Units         RM         RM           6,800         347,191         254,985           20,000         704,451         560,251           26,800         1,051,642         815,236           124,000         575,597         613,368           51,800         1,046,319         1,010,224           175,800         1,621,916         1,623,592           27,104         2,613,111         1,248,600           13,000         1,096,205         876,603           30,000         608,774         318,421           10,990         2,313,571         1,716,069

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities (continued)				
Material China Resources Cement				
Holdings Limited Ganfeng Lithium Co.,	50,000	163,190	107,559	0.24
Limited	26,600	1,302,904	821,376	1.82
	76,600	1,466,094	928,935	2.06
Real Estate Longfor Group Holdings Limited	77,200	1,278,056	1,028,816	2.28
Littiteu		1,270,030	1,020,010	2.20
<u>Technology</u> Xiaomi Corporation	132,400	1,377,189	701,084	1.55
<u>Utilities</u> ENN Energy Holdings				
Limited	11,000	676,438	682,583	1.51
Total Hong Kong Securities	1,503,790	28,294,964	21,175,716	46.88

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
India Securities				
Energy Reliance Industries Limited	4,000	501,520	541,737	1.20
Financial Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited	5,200	703,966	677,601	1.50
ICICI Bank Limited	12,966	426,977	636,613	1.41
	18,166	1,130,943	1,314,214	2.91
<u>Industrial</u> Havells India Limited	3,000	217,492	230,436	0.51
Information Technology HCL Technologies Limited Infosys Limited Tata Consultancy Services Limited	4,000 6,000 1,500 11,500	227,227 480,965 244,134 952,326	212,423 483,052 256,704 952,179	0.47 1.07 0.57 2.11
Total India Securities	36,666	2,802,281	3,038,566	6.73

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Indonesia Securities				
<u>Consumer Staple</u> PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur TBK	80,000	210,650	210,576	0.47
<u>Financial</u> PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia (Persero) TBK	241,256	301,173	329,630	0.73
Telecommunication Services PT Telkom Indonesia (Persero) TBK	238,100	256,574	323,143	0.72
Total Indonesia Securities	559,356	768,397	863,349	1.92

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Republic of Korea Securities				
Consumer Discretionary KIA Corporation	650	193,543	150,725	0.33
Consumer Staple LG Household & Healthcare Limited	160	512,260	326,638	0.72
Energy SK Innovation Co., Limited	912	738,950	422,075	0.93
Information Technology Naver Corporation Samsung Electronics Co.,	300	323,887	187,217	0.41
Limited	10,259	1,900,990	1,756,883	3.89
Samsung SDI Co., Limited SK Hynix Inc.	500	1,141,298	880,452 475,442	1.95
SK HYTIX IIIC.	1,774 12,833	595,943 3,962,118	3,299,994	7.30
<u>Material</u>	,			
LG Chem Limited Posco Holdings Inc.	650 380	1,492,201 398,980	1,123,625 258,589	2.49 0.57
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Total Republic of Korea Securities	15,585	7,298,052	5,581,646	12.34

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Singapore Securities				
<u>Financial</u> DBS Group Holdings Limited	6,127	537,861	660,734	1.46
Industrial SATS Limited Singapore Technologies Engineering Limited	14,000 46,000 60,000	141,622 554,402 696,024	136,100 531,867 667,967	0.30 1.18 1.48
Telecommunication Services Singapore Telecommunications Limited	132,800	982,184	1,140,884	2.53
Total Singapore Securities	198,927	2,216,069	2,469,585	5.47

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.9.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Thailand Securities				
Energy PTT Public Company Limited	90,000	428,892	380,934	0.84
<u>Financial</u> Bangkok Bank Public Company Limited	31,200	471,360	522,487	1.16
Health Care Bangkok Dusit Medical Services Public Company Limited	160,000	436,836	574,161	1.27
Industrial	100,000	130,030	37 1,101	1.27
Airports of Thailand Public Company Limited	20,000	159,287	177,892	0.39
Total Thailand Securities	301,200	1,496,375	1,655,474	3.66

<b>Units</b> 4,000	<b>RM</b> 282,911	<b>RM</b> 228,580	0.51
4,000	282,911	228,580	0.51
4,000	282,911	228,580	0.51
4,000	282,911	228,580	0.51
5,185	694,679	553,289	1.23
23,000	312,159	341,995	0.76
2,000	258,475	160,647	0.36
35,000	1,607,110	2,153,141	4.77
05,000	790,584	547,214	1.21
15,000	697,028	270,054	0.60
80,000	3,005,356	3,4/3,051	7.70 <b>9.44</b>
	35,000 05,000 15,000 80,000	05,000 790,584 15,000 697,028	05,000 790,584 547,214 15,000 697,028 270,054

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost		Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
<b>Total Foreign Securities</b>	2,894,979	52,891,175	44,171,593	97.81
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	2,894,979	52,891,175	44,171,593	97.81
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		(8,719,582)		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		44,171,593		

#### 7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Bank balances with a licensed bank Deposits with licensed financial institution	3,196,521 	979,513 220,016 1,199,529

The currency exposure profile of cash and cash equivalents is as follows:

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
AUD	75,869	38,099
HKD	4,259	-
INR	7,041	7,097
MYR	1,959,239	243,764
SGD	67	63
THB	7,892	-
USD	3,052,478	910,506
	5,106,845	1,199,529

The effective weighted average interest rate of short term deposits with licensed financial institution per annum as at the date of the financial position are as follows:

	2023	2022
	%	%
Deposits with licensed financial institution	3.10	2.60

The deposits have an average maturity of 2 days (2022: 3 days).

#### 8. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	2023	2022
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period Creation of units arising from applications	70,490,543	74,916,945
during the financial period  Cancellation of units during the financial period	7,491,687 (4,547,933)	1,031,792 (2,274,742)
At the end of the financial period	73,434,297	73,673,995

#### 9. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers are as follows:

Name of brokers	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
2023				
Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc	8,205,382	23.49	8,219	17.23
CLSA Limited	6,932,746	19.84	9,423	19.76
Merrill Lynch International				
Limited	3,849,479	11.02	2,935	6.15
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	3,599,510	10.30	6,839	14.34
Citigroup Global Markets	3,333,310	10.50	0,033	14.54
Limited	3,121,571	8.94	5,531	11.60
Macquarie Capital				
Securities Limited	2,541,644	7.28	4,861	10.19
UBS Securities Limited	1,602,713	4.59	2,233	4.68
JP Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific)	1 266 176	3.91	1,350	2.83
Credit Lyonnais Security	1,366,476	5.91	1,550	2.03
Asia Limited	1,108,739	3.17	1,514	3.17
RHB Investment Bank			,	
Berhad	684,454	1.96	1,808	3.79
Others	1,922,130	5.50	2,984	6.26
	34,934,844	100.00	47,697	100.00

Name of brokers	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
2022				
Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc Citigroup Global Markets	1,533,020	16.46	767	9.52
Limited	1,508,342	16.19	754	9.36
CLSA Limited Merrill Lynch International	1,695,547	18.20	1,165	14.46
Limited Macquarie Capital	1,392,154	14.94	1,321	16.39
Securities Limited Credit Suisse Securities	1,057,762	11.36	1,756	21.79
Limited	716,300	7.69	358	4.44
UBS Securities Limited CGS - CIMB Securities	419,974	4.51	182	2.26
Sdn Bhd Maybank Investment Bank	263,000	2.82	525	6.51
Berhad China International	243,000	2.61	486	6.03
Capital Corporation Hong Kong Securities				
Limited	206,096	2.21	309	3.83
Others	280,073	3.01	436	5.41
	9,315,268	100.00	8,059	100.00

All brokers highlighted above are not related to the Manager.

#### 10. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	2023	2022
	%	%
TER	0.89	0.83

TER is derived from the following calculation:

TER = 
$$\frac{(A + B + C + D + E)}{F} \times 100$$

A = Management fee

B = Trustee fee

C = Audit fee

D = Tax agent fee

E = Other expenses (excluding sales and service tax on transaction cost and withholding tax)

F = Average net asset value of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM47,368,308 (2022: RM50,465,558).

#### 11. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	2023	2022
PTR (times)	0.37	0.09

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

(Total acquisitions for the financial period + total disposals for the financial period)  $\div$  2

Average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis

#### where:

total acquisitions for the financial period = RM18,752,196 (2022: RM4,723,903) total disposals for the financial period = RM16,182,648 (2022: RM4,762,071)

#### 12. UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER

The related parties and their relationship with the Fund are as follows:

Related parties	Relationship		
Director of Eastspring Investments Berhad	Director of the Manager		
Eastspring Investments Berhad	The Manager		
Eastspring Investments Group Private Limited	Immediate holding company of the Manager		
Prudential Plc	Ultimate holding company of the Manager		

#### Units held by Manager:

		2023		2022
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
Eastspring Investments Berhad	1.032	663	1.000	613
bernau	1,032	003	1,000	

The above units were transacted at the prevailing market price.

The units are held legally and beneficially by the Manager and are within the prescribed limit allowed by SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. Other than the above, there were no units held by the Directors or parties related to the Manager.

In addition to the related parties disclosure mentioned in the financial statements, there were no other significant related parties transactions and balances.

#### 13. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The unaudited financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 22 November 2023

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